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VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MBFR WORKING GROUP AND ALLIED CONSULTATIONS

1. DURING JUNE 25 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF,
DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH RAISED THE SUBJECT OF
ALLIED CONSULTATIONS ON MBFR, SAYING HE RECOGNIZED
WASHINGTON WAS UNHAPPY WITH THE MBFR WORKING GROUP
BUT EMPHASIZING THE GERMAN VIEW THAT A PERMANENT
ALLIED WORKING GROUP ON MBFR WAS ESSENTIAL. NOTING
THAT THIS POSITION WAS PARTICULARLY STRONGLY HELD IN
THE GERMAN DEFMIN, ROTH SAID HE THOUGHT THE MBFR
WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE REORGANIZED AS A PERMANENT
INSTRUMENT OF THE NATO COUNCIL BY APPOINTING A DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN FROM THE POLITICAL SIDE TO SERVE ALONGSIDE
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ADMIRAL MINTER. BY COMBINING POLITICAL AND MILITARY EXPERTISE ON THE WORKING LEVEL, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NAC, SUCH A WORKING GROUP COULD IN THE GERMAN VIEW STRONGLY BACK UP THE BROADER ALLIED POLICY DISCUSSIONS BOTH THIS SUMMER AND ONCE THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN OCTOBER 30. ROTH EMPHASIZED THAT HE SHARED THE VIEW THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD SET THE BASIC GUIDELINES AND LONG RANGE POLICY AND SHOULD BE THE BODY TO CONSIDER PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT QUESTIONS WHICH THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE UNABLE TO RESOLVE.

2. ON OTHER ASPECTS OF ALLIED MBFR CONSULTATIONS, ROTH SAID HE THOUGHT THE VIENNA AD HOC GROUP HAD DONE AN ADMIRABLE JOB AND SHOULD BE EMPLOYED AGAIN IN MUCH THE SAME WAY ONCE THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN THIS AUTUMN. HE ALSO SAID THE EMISSARY SYSTEM HAD FUNCTIONED IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER AND MIGHT ALSO BE RETAINED. ROTH SAID HE WOULD MAKE THESE POINTS TO BELGIAN MBFR DEL CHIEF ADRIAENSSEN WHEN THE LATTER VISITED BONN ON JULY 1.
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